GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINES
LOK SABHA

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POWER TO STATES FOR MINING
Kripalani Shri Srichand

Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to amend the Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Act, 1957 (MMDR) and Mineral Concession Rules, 1960 (MCR);

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has given powers to the States for according approval in regard to the minerals contained in the part `A` and `C` of First Schedule of MMDR;

(d) if so, whether the Government has achieved unanimity in this regard with State Governments;

(e) if so, the details thereof, and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF MINES (DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY)

(a) to (f) The National Mineral Policy, 2007 is under consideration of the Government. Any changes in the Act and Rules will be contingent upon the final approval of the Government.